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MEMORANDUM

TO: P - Mr. Barrett;

FROM: W. P. Davison

SUBJECT: Functions of New Psychological Strategy Board

The attached memorandum represents my personal opinion. It has been shown to Mr. Phillips, Mr. Crutcher, Mr. MacKnight and Mr. Oechsner. I think all of them concur in some of the ideas, but not in all. The substance of my proposal is:

- (a) that the new Board concern itself with the content of policy which affects PW, and
- (b) that the Director of Planning be almost exclusively concerned with thinking about policy content and not with administration.

At a meeting on the subject yesterday, I presented the substance of this memorandum. Representatives of S/S and Mr. Webb's office differed with it rather strongly, feeling that it was not in keeping with the spirit of the Presidential directive. I will admit that it is not completely in keeping with the spirit of the directive, but I also think that it is one way in which a badly needed function could be filled.

In spite of the fact that this paper does not represent an agreed position of your staff, I believe that you might be interested in reading it before your lunch today in case the subject comes up. It represents an "extreme" view, but one that I think is sound from the point of view of the job to be done.

Attachment: As above indicated

cc: Mr. Phillips
Mr. CrutcherMr. Oechsner
Mr. MacKnight

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